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Filed : December 12, 2001  
Title : NES-1 POLYPEPTIDES, DNA, AND RELATED MOLECULES AND METHODS

Art Unit : 1656  
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Please correct the Filing Receipt for the above-referenced application to indicate the correct application number for the first listed priority application.

The first listed priority application number should be: **09/605,175**.

A copy of the original Filing Receipt showing the desired changes in red ink is attached for your convenience. Please supply a corrected Filing Receipt to the undersigned with respect to this application.

Also attached to evidence the correct application number is (i) a copy of the Amendment in Reply to Action submitted to the U.S.P.T.O. on August 22, 2005, which amended the specification to correct the application serial number in the priority claim (see page 2 of the amendment), and (ii) a copy of the Notice of Allowance dated September 16, 2005, in which the Examiner stated that the application has been amended as requested (see page 2 of the Notice of Allowability).

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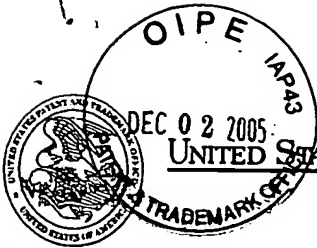
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TITLE OF INVENTION: NES-1 POLYPEPTIDES, DNA, AND RELATED MOLECULES AND METHODS

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 150 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 150 day(s).

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Nashaat T. Nashed, Ph. D.

Applicant(s)

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— The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address—

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed August 25, 2005.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 69-75, 82, 83 and 100-108.

3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 August 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

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(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Art Unit: 1656

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A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 25, 2005 has been entered.

The application has been amended as requested in the communication filed August 25, 2005. Accordingly, claims 84-95 and 109-119 have been canceled.

Claims 69-75, 82, 83, and 100-108 are pending and under consideration.

The terminal disclaimer filed on August 25, 2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of US patent 6,153,387 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

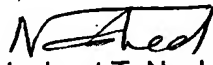
Claims 69-75, 82, 83, and 100-108 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The filing of an acceptable terminal disclaimer over US patent 6,153,387, and the deletion of claims 84-95 and 109-119 obviated all rejections of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nashaat T. Nashed, Ph. D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0934. The examiner can normally be reached on MTTF.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathleen M. Kerr can be reached on 571-272-0931. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF MARCH 11, 2005

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Attorney's Docket No.: 00398-100005

In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph inserted following paragraph at page 1, line 3 (between the title of the application and the "Background of the Invention") by the preliminary amendment filed December 12, 2001, as follows:

This application is a divisional application of U.S.S.N., ~~09/605,176~~ 09/605,175, filed June 28, 2000, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/201,038, filed November 30, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,153,387), which is a continuation application of U.S.S.N. 08/628,198, filed April 5, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,843,694), which is a divisional application of U.S.S.N. 08/467,155, filed June 6, 1995 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,736,377).

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-68. (Canceled)

69. (Previously presented) A method of determining whether a human has a carcinoma or an increased likelihood of developing a carcinoma, the method comprising:

(a) providing a biological sample from the human, wherein the biological sample comprises a Normal Epithelial Specific-1 (NES1) gene, the expression of which is down-regulated during tumorigenic progression and the sequence of which comprises a coding sequence that encodes a polypeptide that is at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:1; and

(b) examining the expression of the NES1 gene in the biological sample, wherein a decrease in the expression of the NES1 gene relative to expression of a NES1 gene in a control biological sample indicates that the human has a carcinoma or an increased likelihood of developing a carcinoma.

70. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the biological sample comprises an epithelial cell.

71. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the biological sample comprises a breast tissue cell.

72. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the biological sample comprises a cervical tissue cell.

73. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the biological sample comprises a prostate tissue cell.

74. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the expression of the NES1 gene is determined by assaying NES1 mRNA expression.

75. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the expression of the NES1 gene is determined by assaying NES1 protein expression.

76-81. (Canceled)

82. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the biological sample comprises a cell of the skin, large intestine, lung, liver, brain, kidney, ovary, uterus, stomach, esophagus, nasopharynx, larynx, or a glandular tissue.

83. (Previously presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the control biological sample is (a) an equivalent biological sample from an unaffected individual; (b) an unaffected biological sample of a similar tissue type from the human; or (c) a standard representing a wild-type level of NES1 expression.

84-99. (Canceled)

100. (Previously presented) A method of determining whether a human has a carcinoma or an increased likelihood of developing a carcinoma, the method comprising:

(a) providing a biological sample from the human, wherein the biological sample comprises a NES1 gene, the expression of which is down-regulated during tumorigenic progression and the sequence of which comprises a coding sequence that is at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:2; and

(b) examining the expression of the NES1 gene in the biological sample, wherein a decrease in the expression of the NES1 gene relative to expression of an NES1 gene in a control biological sample indicates that the human has a carcinoma or an increased likelihood of developing a carcinoma.

101. (Previously presented) The method of claim 100, wherein the biological sample comprises an epithelial cell.

102. (Previously presented) The method of claim 100, wherein the biological sample comprises a breast tissue cell.

103. (Previously presented) The method of claim 100, wherein the biological sample comprises a cervical tissue cell.

104. (Previously presented) The method of claim 100, wherein the biological sample comprises a prostate tissue cell.

105. (Previously presented) The method of claim 100, wherein the expression of the NES1 gene is determined by assaying NES1 mRNA expression.

106. (Previously presented) The method of claim 100, wherein the expression of the NES1 gene is determined by assaying NES1 protein expression.

107. (Previously presented) The method of claim 100, wherein the biological sample comprises a cell of the skin, large intestine, lung, liver, brain, kidney, ovary, uterus, stomach, esophagus, nasopharynx, larynx, or a glandular tissue.

108. (Previously presented) The method of claim 100, wherein the control biological sample is (a) an equivalent biological sample from an unaffected individual; (b) an unaffected biological sample of a similar tissue type from the human; or (c) a standard representing a wild-type level of NES1 expression.

109-119. (Canceled)

### REMARKS

The present amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). In view of the RCE, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendment and any amendments previously filed but not entered.

Upon entry of the amendment submitted January 24, 2005, and the amendment presented above, claims 69-75, 82, 83, and 100-108 will be pending in the application. Claims 94 and 96-99 are canceled by the amendment submitted January 24, 2005, and claims 84-93, 95, and 109-119 are canceled by the above amendment. The specification is amended to correct typographical errors and to add a reference to a patent that issued from a related application. The attached printout from PAIR, the website of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, provides evidence that the error in the priority claim is typographical. The printout reports that the current application (U.S.S.N. 10/021,368) and U.S.S.N. 09/605,175 both claim the benefit of U.S.S.N. 09/201,038, which is properly cited in the priority claim. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

For the record, and in reference to #2 on form PTOL-303, the Advisory Action dated March 11, 2005 (herein, "the Advisory Action"), it is incorrect that Applicant's reply to the final Office action was filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal. Applicant filed a response to the final Office action on January 24, 2005, and subsequently filed a Notice of Appeal on February 22, 2005. The Notice of Appeal was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 24, 2005, and the present amendment and RCE are being filed within the time limit set by the Notice of Appeal.

#### Obviousness-type Double Patenting

In the comments attached to the Advisory Action, the Examiner states (at page 2):

Claims 69-75, and 82-95 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 and 10-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,152,387 (387') for the reasons set forth in the prior Office action, mailed December 19, 2003 ...

Upon entry of the after-final amendment filed January 27, 2005, claims 69-75, 82-95 and 100-119 will remain rejected.

In response, Applicant notes that claims 84-95 are canceled by the amendment submitted January 24, 2005, and the amendment presented above. Further, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) and 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) to overcome the rejection of claims 69-75, 82, and 83. Accordingly, this ground for rejection should now be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1

*Written Description:* In the comments attached to the Advisory Action, the Examiner states (at pages 2-3; emphasis added):

Claim (*sic.*) 69-75, 82-95 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention for the reasons set forth in the prior Office action mailed December 19, 2003.  
*Upon entry of the after-final amendment, this rejection will be mooted.*

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With the filing of the RCE, the after-final amendment should now be entered and should, as the Examiner stated, render moot the rejection of claims 69-75, 82, and 83. By way of the present amendment, claims 84-95 have been canceled. Thus, the rejection based on an alleged lack of an adequate written description should be withdrawn.

The claims that have been canceled or otherwise amended were canceled or amended solely in the interest of obtaining a Notice of Allowance. Applicant's actions are not an admission that the canceled subject matter is not patentable, and Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue claims to the original subject matter, or to any subject matter supported by the present specification, without prejudice.



*Enablement:* In the comments attached to the Advisory Action, the Examiner states (page 3):

Claim (*sic.*) 69-75, and 82-95 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement for the reasons set forth in the prior Office action mailed December 19, 2003.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 69-75, 82, 83, and 100-108 overcome this rejection, whereas claims 84-95 and 109-119 will be rejected.

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The claims that "will be rejected", claims 84-95 and 109-119, have been canceled by the present amendment. Thus, this ground for rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

Claims 84-95 were rejected as being indefinite. In the Advisory Action, however, the Examiner states, "[u]pon entry of the amendment filed January 27, 2005, this rejection will be obviated" (Advisory Action at page 3).

With the filing of the RCE, the after-final amendment should now be entered and should, as the Examiner stated, obviate the rejection of claims 84-95, which are canceled by the present amendment. Thus, the rejection based on lack of clarity should now be withdrawn.

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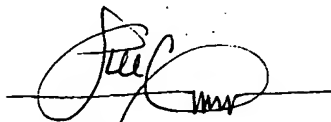
CONCLUSION

In view of the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer and the amendments that should now be entered, Applicant contends the present claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

A \$65 check for the Terminal Disclaimer fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d); a \$510 check for a 3--month petition for extension of time; and a \$395 check for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 are enclosed. Any other necessary charges or credits can be applied to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, with reference to Attorney Docket No. 00398-100005.

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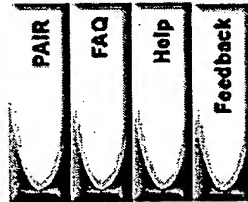


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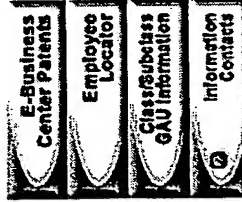
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